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1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

2. Election of officers

At its organizational session in 1980, the Committee on Information reached an agreement according to which the principle of geographical rotation would be applied to all officers of the Committee and they would be elected for two-year terms.[1] At the beginning of the twenty-first session, the Committee will elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur to serve in their respective capacities during 1999 and 2000.

3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the outgoing Bureau.

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4. **Statement by the Chairman**

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

5. **Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information**

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

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6. **General debate and consideration of substantive questions**[2]

(a) **Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communications order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information**

(b) **Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and the need to establish the new international economic order and the new world information and communications order**

Consideration of this sub-item will include the following reports:

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the reorientation of United Nations public information activities

Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of United Nations information centres with field offices of the United Nations Development Programme

Report of the Secretary-General on the allocation of resources to United Nations information centres in 1998

Report of the Secretary-General on the design and scope of the pilot project regarding United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity

Report of the Secretary-General on the continuous development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites

Address by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information on the progress achieved in the work of the Department of Public Information pertaining to the agenda items under consideration

(c) **Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications**

Consideration of this sub-item will include the following report:

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Joint United Nations Information Committee in 1998 (resolution 46/73 B)

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7. **Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session**

Notes

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/35/21), para. 8 (a).

[2] The wording of sub-items (a), (b) and (c) is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979.